


REMARKS

This amendment places the subject application into condition for allowance by presenting the claims that are indicated in the Office Action as containing allowable subject matter in independent form and making all other claims directly or indirectly dependent on these claims. In particular, claims 10 and 19 have been rewritten to incorporate the limitations of claims 11 and 20, respectively, while claims 18 and 25 have been rewritten as new claims 26 and 32, respectively. The claim amendments also include the changes suggested by the examiner to overcome the informal objections noted in the first paragraph of the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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